

## NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 372

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PURPOSE: Renewable energy provides a number of new and significant economic development opportunities for Nebraska's rural residents. Nebraska is uniquely positioned to be a leader in providing renewable energy. Nebraska's wind energy production potential is ranked sixth nationally. Solar energy generation potential is ranked ninth nationally. Nebraska has been among the leaders in developing biofuels, including ethanol, biodiesel, and biomass. Renewable energy development can provide additional income and economic opportunities for farmers and rural residents. This study shall examine policies and programs to maximize the public benefits of these new market opportunities and help Nebraska become competitive with other Midwestern states that are aggressively pursuing energy development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the  
Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to  
carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of  
its study make a report of its findings, together with its

recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.